



OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICES: ANIMAL CONTROL

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

PEOPLE FOCUSED. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN.

Mission Statement

To improve animal and human well-being through education, prevention, and enforcement programs and humane animal care and control services for the citizens and animals of Leon County.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Quality of Life

- Participated in ASPCA's "ID ME" program by providing identification tags and collars for adopted and unclaimed animals.
- Operation moved to the Public Safety Complex to better coordinate with Leon County First responders during day-to-day operations and also emergencies.

PROTECTING LEON COUNTY'S ANIMALS & CITIZENS

- In order to continuously provide safety and well-being of both citizens and domestic animals, Animal Control staff has:
 - » Provided Bite Prevention Classes to 1st and 4th grade students throughout the local school district.
 - » Educated residents about responsible pet care, animal safety, bite prevention and related matters by participating in outreach events such as "Woofstock," "Fast and the Furriest Motorcycle Poker Run," "Camp Barkley," and the "Leon County Senior Outreach Lunch and Learn Series."
 - » Educated pet owners about requirements of the Leon County Animal Ordinance and provided loaner doghouses so owners did not give up their pet for the lack of proper care and shelter.
 - » Provided collar identification tags and collars to ensure lost pets were returned home.
 - » Conducted proactive door-to-door neighborhood sweeps with community partners in high volume service call areas. The main focus of the operation being outreach, education and resource provision.
 - » Initiated the Capital Area Animal Network providing for an open forum format during monthly meetings for all animal welfare groups in the capital region.



Did You Know

Animal Control staff distributes low-cost spay and neuter vouchers provided by community partners to Leon County Citizens upon request.

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"Protecting Leon County's Animals & Citizens"
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LEON COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL
HOURS OF OPERATION
Office
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed holidays.
Field
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, Emergency Calls Only
GENERAL SERVICES

- Rabies control and bite investigations in the City and County.
- Resolution of routine nuisance animal complaints.
- Patrols for stray, nuisance or dangerous animals.
- Educational efforts to inform and encourage owners to provide humane care and control for their pets.
- Investigations of allegations of neglect and/or cruelty to animals, and the rescue of animals in immediate distress, including preparation and presentation of animal custody cases before the court.
- Investigation of Dangerous Animal Petitions submitted by the public to the County.
- Conduct Sufficient Cause Hearings and Dangerous Animal Classification Hearings for animals petitioned against by citizens of the County.
- Coordination of responses to livestock calls with the Sheriff's Department.
- Humane live trapping of nuisance domestic animals.
- Assistance to law enforcement and other agencies regarding animal-related issues.
- Impoundment, and temporary housing and care, of animals in violation of animal care and control laws which are found by Officers or turned in by citizens.
- Extra patrols of problem areas, school bus stops, playgrounds, schools, and other public areas for uncontrolled animals.
- Enforcement of local and state laws related to animal care and control through warnings, education, and citations.
- Represent the County in court on animal-related matters.
- Transportation of animals to safe shelter for owners fleeing domestic violence.
- Short-term care of animals impounded when their owners are arrested or are involved in vehicle accidents or other crisis situations.
- Coordination and administration of the County's Animal Disaster Relief Plan, including the rescue and care of animals involved in man-made and natural disasters.

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FREQUENT CONTACT NUMBERS for Animal Related Information and Services
Leon County Animal Control
(850) 606-5400
After Hours Emergency, Consolidated Dispatch Agency
(850) 606-5800
Tallahassee - Leon Community Animal Services Center
(850) 891-2950
City of Tallahassee Animal Control
(850) 891-2958
Loose Livestock Complaints, Consolidated Dispatch Agency
(850) 606-5800
Deceased animal in road, County
(850) 606-1400
Deceased animal in road, City
(850) 891-5450
Deceased animal in road, State
(850) 922-7900
Nuisance Wildlife, Florida Fish and Wildlife
(850) 245-7716
Injured Wildlife, St. Francis Wildlife Association
(850) 627-4151 or (850) 933-2735
Florida Department of Agriculture
(850) 488-3022
Florida Bee Removal
1-800-343-5317
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- Animal control staff is committed to decreasing the number of animal bites. During the year, staff:
 - » Fielded over 9,800 phone calls resulting in over 3,340 service requests and over 6,640 Animal Control Officer activities.
 - » Responded to over 330 reported animal welfare-related complaints and investigated over 40 dangerous or aggressive animal complaints.
 - » Handled over 560 animal bite exposure cases for the state mandated Animal Rabies Program.

Contact Us

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www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Animal